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SUBJECT: DECREASING REFUGEE ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY IN HONG KONG

REF: (A) HONG KONG 4054; (B) HONG KONG 4165; (C) HONG KONG 4451

1. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDOCHINA BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG
ARE VERY TIGHT AND COULD BECOME CRITICAL IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. NORWEGIAN TANKER WITH 71 REFUGEES, GROUP OF 26 REFUGEES
WHO ARRIVED BY JUNK ON APRIL 9 AND ONE SURVIVOR OF CAPSIZED
BOAT (REPORTED SPETELS) MAKES TOTAL ARRIVALS FOR WEEKEND
98 PERSONS. GIVEN LIMITED HOTEL SPACE FOR REFUGEES, IRC
HOSTEL NOW BEING USED.

3. WE WERE INFORMED THAT LIBERIAN FLAG BUT ALLEGEDLY HONG KONG
OWNED SHIP CRS DIGNITY HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO LAND
33 BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG. NEXT PORT OF CALL
FOR SHIP IS TOKYO, BUT AGENTS HAVE INFORMED HONG KONG
IMMIGRATION DEPT (HKID) THAT JAPANESE HAVE REFUSED
PERMISSION FOR REFUGEES LAND THERE. HKID HAS REFUSED
PERMISSION WITH REQUEST THAT SHIP'S AGENTS MAKE ANOTHER
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APPROACH TO JAPANESE.

4. AS REFTTEL (C) NOTED, HONG KONG GOVT AWARE THAT
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR REFUGEES ARE LIMITED AND THIS IS
NOW PLAYING ROLE IN HONG KONG DECISION ON WHETHER
REFUGEES CAN BE GIVEN FIRST ASYLUM HERE.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM IN HONG KONG
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH UNHCR IN GENEVA AND THAT
UNHCR KUALA LUMPUR SHOULD BE URGED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE
TO HONG KONG SOONEST TO ATTEMPT FIND SOLUTION TO MATTER.
IT CAN BE ANTICIPATED THAT REFUGEE INFLUX WILL CONTINUE
TO INCREASE AND UNHCR MUST EXAMINE FUTURE NEEDS.
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